

Memorial Dedication



City of Greenbelt
Department of Public Works

**"Trees are the best monuments that a man can erect
to his
own memory. They speak his praises without flattery,
and they are blessings to children yet unborn."
- Lord Orrery, 1749**

Memorial Tree & Bench Dedications

The City of Greenbelt has several options available to individuals or organizations that wish to establish a memorial for a deceased Greenbelt resident.

A Tree Dedication is the City's preferred memorial option, and is open to anyone wishing to create a tree memorial for a deceased Greenbelt resident. The individual purchases a tree through the City and, with the assistance of City staff, selects a tree from the "Approved Tree List" and a location for planting. The installation of a personalized, engraved plaque may also accompany the tree.

Trees are an important part of Greenbelt's heritage and a Tree Dedication contributes toward the City's tree canopy. The City will provide maintenance and care of memorial trees for 3 years after planting. If a tree should perish or deteriorate after 3 years from planting, the original donor will have an opportunity to purchase a replacement tree for the location.

A Bench Dedication is open to anyone wishing to create a bench memorial for a deceased Greenbelt resident. The individual pays for the cost of the bench and memorial plaque. The bench design and location are chosen in alignment with City standards and may be refused based upon area needs. There is a limit of 1 bench per memorialization. The City will provide reasonable maintenance of the bench during its lifecycle but does not replace benches which have exceeded their practical lifespan or where a site's intended use has changed.

Memorial plaques for both the Tree and Bench programs must contain the individual's name. There is a limit of one plaque per tree or bench. The City reserves the right to disallow plaque language deemed inappropriate. Once the City installs a memorial plaque, its replacement or repair is the responsibility of the person/party making the adoption. Plaques are not required.

Memorial Garden Dedication

There is a Memorial Garden at Schrom Hills Park to celebrate the many individuals who have served our community. This garden commemorates the spirit and ideals that have been exhibited by so many citizens who have served the community. Its existence is an important facet in the City's efforts to recognize all those who have helped to build, serve and improve Greenbelt.

Individuals or organizations may purchase an engraved brick paver in the paved walkway surrounding the garden in memory of a specific deceased City resident.

Wall of Honor Memorial

The Wall of Honor Memorial, to be located in Greenbelt's historic Community Center, is the highest form of recognition offered by the City. The Wall honors Greenbelt citizens who made significant contributions to the City. The Wall demonstrates how recognized individuals are a part of a united spirit that makes our community an outstanding place to live. Individuals nominated to the Wall of Honor should have exhibited a high level of service, dedication and commitment to the Greenbelt community.

A nomination to the Wall of Honor requires thorough documentation of the deeds and works of the individual to be inducted. Though many individuals have served our community throughout the years, only those who meet the highest standard will be inducted into this memorial. Please contact for further details.

Inquiries

Contact: Brian Townsend, Director of Public Works-Parks, (240) 542-2151,
btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov

*The City does not provide for memorial dedications by naming streets, parks, and other public assets.

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Memorial Tree Application Form

I wish to adopt ____ (quan tity) of the following tree(s)*:

*You may choose from the attached list approved by the City Horticulturist

I wish to have the following plaque (6 " X 6") installed:

- ____ Bronze plaque with raised lettering - Flat rate \$200 for 3 lines (25 letters per line, \$25 for each additional line maximum of 3)
- ____ Engraved brass plaque - \$100 plus \$1 for each letter inscribed. (25 letters per line, maximum of 6 lines).

Please Note: Once the City installs a plaque, its replacement or repair is the responsibility of the person making the adoption.

Inscription: (exactly as it is to appear)

Location where you would like to have tree planted: _____

Your name:

Your address:

Your telephone #: _____ **Your email:** _____

Date: _____

Please complete this form and return it to:

Brian Townsend

Director of Public Works-Parks
btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov

or by mail:

Greenbelt Public Works , 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

For City Use Only: 270401

Memorial Tree

Approved Tree List

Cost of tree depends on species chosen and may fluctuate with current market value:

\$200

Crabapple
Crape Myrtle
Fall Blooming Cherry
Hedge Maple
Kousa Dogwood
Serviceberry (Shadblow)
Trident Maple
Virginia Fringe Tree
'Winter King' Hawthorne
Yoshino Cherry

\$300

Hybrid Elm
Japanese Snowbell
Lacebark Elm
Loebner Magnolia
Maidenhair Tree (Ginkgo Biloba)
Sawtooth Oak
Willow Oak
Zelkova

Memorial Bench **Application Form**

I wish to adopt an existing bench located at:

I would like to adopt a bench and propose it be located at *:

*Bench locations and styles are chosen according to City needs and standards and limited sites are available. The City no longer accepts applications for concrete-based benches. All new benches are wood construction.

Cost for all benches is \$400

Your name:

Your address:

Your telephone #: _____ **Your email:** _____ **Date:**

I wish to have the following 4 " x 6" plaque installed (optional):

*Once City installs plaque, its replacement or repair is the responsibility of the adoption requester.

Inscription:

*Exactly as it should appear. A maximum of 25 letters per line with a total maximum of 6 lines.

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Schrom Hills Memorial Garden

Application Form

I wish to donate a n engraved (name only) paver at the Schrom Hills Memorial Garden in memory of (print name as it should appear on memorial plaque):

Cost for the engraved paver is \$ 100.

Your name:

Your address:

Your telephone #: _____ **Your email:** _____ **Date:**

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